

RAILROADS DODGE COMMODITIES ACT

Attorney General Asks Congress for More Strict Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Complete enforcement of transportation from production by amending the commodities clause of the Interstate Commerce law, authority to sue corporations wherever they transact business; perfection of neutrality laws and extension of the right of search warrant in criminal cases are among the recommendations of Attorney General Gregory in his annual report to Congress, made public today.

The Attorney General says that despite the government's victory in the Supreme Court in the Lackawanna Coal Company case the railroads are still able to claim that the commodities clause does not prohibit them from engaging in production along their lines, provided that they sell the articles produced before transporting them. He urges an amendment, introduced at the last session of Congress to prohibit a railroad from transporting articles manufactured by it or by any corporation it controls or is affiliated with by having the same controlling stockholders irrespective of interest in the articles at the time of transportation. He says it is also necessary that Congress prohibit any railroad owned or controlled by a producing or trading corporation, and not merely a plant, from transporting the articles produced or owned.

Employment for federal prisoners and an amendment to the criminal code to prohibit the false labeling of packages which contains arms and ammunition are among other recommendations.

The last is to meet evasions of the embargo on arms to Mexico.

The present administration, the Attorney General says, has insisted upon more effective dissolutions of monopolies and combinations in restraint of trade and at the same time "has been solicitous to avoid prosecutions for which there is no adequate ground." During the year ten of these cases have been finally determined and of 36 cases now pending, 15, including the Reading, Lehigh Valley, Harvester Steel, Kodak and shoe Machinery cases, have reached the Supreme Court. Of those disposed of, one was the case of the National Register Co., whose conviction was set aside by the Court of Appeals, annulling two counts of the indictment and construing the third so as to make a successful trial impossible, and the Attorney General says "the criminal proceedings will not be further prosecuted."

The report says considerable progress has been made in the government suits against the Southern Pacific Railroad affecting the title to 21 lands. The lands involved in the litigation says aggregate over 150,000 acres, said to be worth \$500,000,000.

Enforcement of the white slave traffic law led to 494 indictments, 334 convictions, 54 cases nolle prossed acquittals and 400 cases still pending. Since the law passed there have been 1537 convictions, sentences aggregating 2468 years and fines totaling \$172,960. Legislation is urged to enable wives to testify against their husbands.

Despite country-wide investigation of reported breaches of neutrality and other criminal acts arising from the war, many of the cases were found to have violated state rather than federal laws. Most of the plots involved difficulty in obtaining evidence. The Mexican situation has led to 12 indictments affecting 60 persons, of whom 25 have been convicted.

"New plotting alone," says the report "is not criminal. Planning or preparation in this country of a military expedition designed to start from a point outside this country seems not to be forbidden by law. Hence many activities which produce constant friction cannot at present be reached."

INDUSTRIAL FAIRMONT

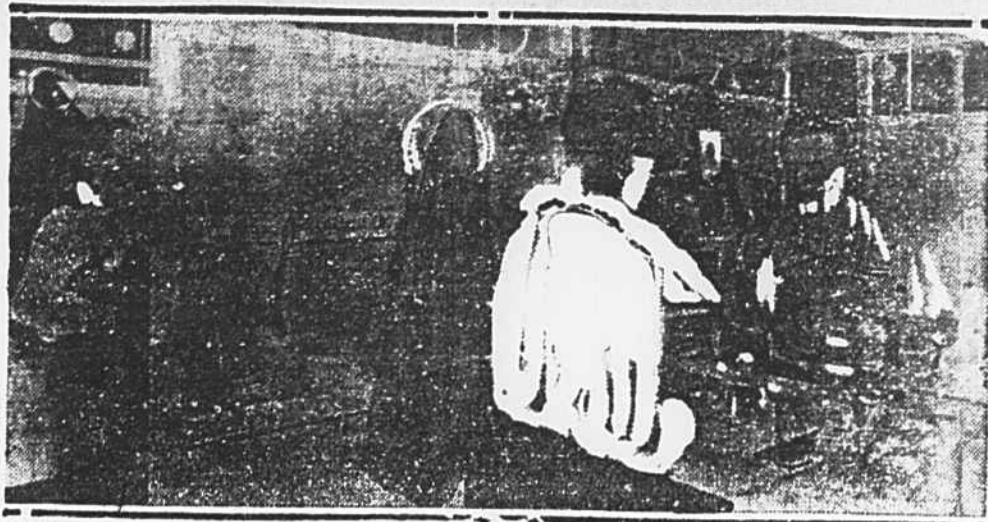
The new unit of the Monongahela Valley Traction company's at their Hutchinson Power Plant, cannot be started until about December 15, said Superintendent Weeks, of the plant, this morning. Poor deliveries of parts of the engine and generator has caused the postponement of the starting of the big engine from the first of the month to the 5th. It is believed, however, that all the parts will be on hand and assembled by that time.

One of the mine specialties made by the Fairmont Mining Machinery company, and which has been a recognized remarkable reception in the mining world, is a small portable mine pump, motor driven. The pump, a marvel of endurance and compact efficiency, is mounted on a sturdy truck to run on the track in the mine and can be moved to any point where the services of a pump are required. The motor is what is known as a long distance control motor. The power can be shut off from a switch above ground and when turned on again the motor will start operating the pump without any attention whatsoever.

An expert service designed to meet the needs of the individual, has been inaugurated by the Traction company in their electrical department. Henceforward on request, any householder or business man can ask the Traction company to send a lighting expert to their home or place of business and plan them a real and efficient lighting system. The experts not only plan the placing of lights to give the highest lighting power, but also are experts in design of fixtures.

Work on straightening out the curves on the Mannington division of the Traction company is progressing rapidly, nearly 50 men being employed on the grading and bridge building incident to the curve reduction. Some trouble is still being experienced in securing right of way privileges but

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these troubles are expected to be done away with in a few days.

Frank R. Brahm, of the Marion Products company, returned today from Charleston where he attended the annual convention of the West Virginia Ice Cream Manufacturers' association. Mr. Brahm was elected a director in this organization for the ensuing year and the next meeting will be held in Wheeling in December, 1917. W. M. B. Sine, of Clarksburg, is the new president of the association while S. B. Halfner, of Elkins, is vice president and C. F. Jamison, of Huntington, is the secretary.

BUNNER'S RIDGE.

There will be a box supper at the Laurel Run school house Saturday night for the benefit of the school. Musical entertainment is on the program and the ladies are requested to bring boxes to help in the work.

Liberius Vincent and son, Brazel, from Klammont, was visiting the former's brother-in-law, J. C. Moran, Saturday night and Sunday.

H. B. Moran of this section, started Sunday to take a position in Akron, Ohio.

Emanuel Lake moved recently to Arl Bunner's farm near the lake school house.

George Jones was at J. C. Moran's Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Arl Bunner were calling on W. H. Bunner Sunday.

Bert Summers, from Grafton, went through town one day last week.

Willie Matthew, from Gladys Creek, was on this ridge the latter part of last week.

Evening Chat

Electricity is practically the exception to the rule that everything costs more than it did ten or twenty years ago. Everything else seems to have gone up, and is still going up, but electricity is ten times as cheap as it was twenty-five years ago and is still dropping in price.

The actual cost of production has not diminished materially, if at all, but concentration of operation and of the facilities by which it is produced has had its effect. It is a fact, however, that partly because of this and partly because of improvements in lamps and lamp material, one can buy now for 19 cents the same amount of light which in 1885 cost \$1.00. In 1885 you paid \$1.00 for 800 candle hours of light, while now the same \$1.00 buys 8000 candle hours. Here it is interesting to note that in the 39 years preceding 1911 the yearly manufacture and sale of electric lamps increased from about 30,000 in this country to 160,000,000.

Did you ever notice that a survivor of a fire, no matter how trivial a conflagration it was, tells of the wonderful self control and presence of mind he had, while at the same time is filled with tales of how other folks in the building were mad with fear and crazy with fright?

When the Madero Hotel burned this morning at Morgantown a traveling man was one of the persons who was in the building at the time. To nearly the first person he met after arriving in Fairmont today he began telling what a brave, self possessed

man he was. Although the man who had to listen to his tale of wonders, happened to be a perfect stranger, still he was a good natured stranger and heard the story through.

It seemed that all the other guests were panic stricken, but this brave man, (here he threw out his little chest until his coat almost cracked), had calmly put on his clothes, washed his face, combed his hair, and just before the walls of his room were broken through by the flames he came walking out in sartorial splendor and with all his belongings carefully packed and in his hand bag.

It must some time occur to the men who are planning the defenses of our nation, the number of brave heroes who have graduated from the small hotel and boarding house fires. When they do think of this they will organize a brigade of "Fireeaters" who no doubt will astonish the world with their deeds of bravery and calmness under fire.

FAIRVIEW.

T. S. Neptune was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Mrs. W. P. Sutton, Mrs. Mary McBee, Mrs. Larnie McBee, Mrs. Claude Parker, Mrs. Ollie Toothman, Mrs. Meta Carico, Misses Mildred Cummings, Ruby Snodgrass Thornhill were at Fairmont shopping Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Barth, of Gray's Flat, was here shopping Wednesday.

Mrs. Linnie Billingslea, of Fairmont, who has been visiting her son, Claude Billingslea, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Hamilton and daughter, Miss Fern, were Clarksburg visitors Thursday.

Dr. J. W. P. Jarvis and Dr. C. M.

Clendall were business visitors at Fairmont Wednesday.

Rev. Lawler, of Barrackville, was a business visitor here Wednesday.

Miss Toy Rice, who has been working at Fairmont has returned.

Herbert Snyder, of Bula, was a business visitor here Wednesday.

Mrs. Harres, missionary, will give a lecture at the M. E. church, South, Thursday night.

"Knock and you knock alone is right. We knocked on the radiator the other day for three hours to get more steam and the janitor slept on."

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